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SUBJECT: MISSILE TECHNOLOGY CONTROL REGIME: 06 JULY
MEETING OF MTCR POINTS OF CONTACT IN PARIS

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11. (C) Summary: On 6 July 2005, Embassy EST officer attended a meeting of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Points of Contacts (POCS) held at the Korean Embassy in Paris. This meeting focused on preparations for the September MTCR Plenary in Madrid.

12. (C) Summary, Continued: The meeting commenced with an update from the Korean MTCR representative in Paris, Hye-ran Yoo, on the most recent outreach activities conducted by the Korean MTCR Chair, then moved to discussions on both logistical and substantive matters concerning the proposed Plenary agenda. In regard to logistical issues, the Spanish Ambassador in Paris made a specific proposal, at the behest of the Korean Chair, to move the Chair's statement from 14 September to the morning of 12 September in order to allow for the Chair to make his remarks prior to leaving Madrid for meetings at the United Nations in New York. Partners were given until 15 July to comment formally on the proposed changes to the agenda. Embassy EST officer made interventions on basis of refTel points and requested clarification on the proposed changes to the agenda and more generally on the substance and timing of the Plenary meetings, especially concerning the Information Exchange (IE) portion. French POC also made an appeal to partners for volunteers to assume the MTCR Chairmanship following completion of Spain's upcoming tenure as Chair. End Summary.

MTCR OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

13. (C) The Korean POC briefed the partners on the recent outreach visits made by the Korean Chair to Pakistan on 31 May, and the visit by his deputy, Song Young Wan, to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 7-8 June. The Korean POC remarked that the MTCR Chair had a mixed impression of his visit to Pakistan. Pakistani officials had expressed to the Chair their concerns that Pakistani national security issues were not sufficiently taken into account by the MTCR, and asked the Chair for more consideration of the country's unique security threats. According to the Korean POC, the Chair characterized his overall engagement with Pakistani officials, however, as relatively positive. The Korean POC also provided a readout of the 7-8 June visit by the Chair's deputy to the UAE. The Korean POC described the visit as successful and encouraging, and said that deputy Chair Song had been impressed by the UAE officials' commitment to the MTCR mission, especially as it pertained to the issue of transshipments through Dubai. The Korean POC noted the Chair's strong recommendation, however, that the incoming Spanish Chair continue to closely engage UAE officials during his tenure.

14. (C) French POC Bertolotti, who had accompanied the Chair's deputy to the UAE, also commented regarding his impressions of the UAE visit. Bertolotti stressed the competency and motivation in terms of support to MTCR goals displayed by the UAE port authorities, police and customs officials in Dubai. Bertolotti further noted the UAE had recently constituted a Counter-Proliferation Task Force made-up of port authorities, customs, and police, and other national security agencies, signifying another example of the seriousness in which the UAE government views the proliferation problem. Bertolotti added that while the UAE did not have specific export control legislation in place, the police and security services had authority to counter proliferation activities in the UAE.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLENARY SCHEDULE

15. (C) The Spanish Ambassador in Paris commented regarding the upcoming Plenary in Madrid. He asked MTCR partners to consider a request made to him by the Korean Chair to move the Chair's comments and the heads of delegation opening statements from 14 September to 12 September in order to accommodate the need for the outgoing Chair to make his formal remarks before traveling to New York for U.N.

meetings. After several requests for clarification of the proposed changes, MTCR partners agreed in principle to the proposal, but decided to allow for consultations with their respective capitals, with formal answers to be sent to the French POC by 15 July.

FRENCH POC AND PARTNER COMMENTS ON INFORMATION
EXCHANGE/TECHNICAL EXPERTS MEETING/ENFORCEMENT EXPERTS

16. (C) Following the discussion on the Plenary agenda, the French POC provided an outline for the Information Exchange to take place in Madrid. Bertolotti requested that partners circulate their IE papers, with executive summaries for each, well in advance of the Plenary. Bertolotti also informed partners that the IE Chairman planned to give a presentation prior to the commencement of Plenary agenda item 4 entitled 'Regional Missile Non-Proliferation.' The French POC noted that France planned to circulate a paper on DPRK proliferation activities, with a focus on shipping. The Japanese POC then remarked that Japan will submit a report on "Missile Developments in Northeast Asia." The Spanish POC noted that his country was preparing a paper on Syrian proliferation activities. The German POC asked partners to submit reactions/comments to the German paper on the role of ITT in proliferation activities, previously submitted as MTCR POC document 45. In regard to the Technical Experts Meeting (TEM), French POC informed partners that the TEM Chairman would send TEM proposals to him by 15 July. Bertolotti also outlined the agenda for the meeting of the Enforcement Experts (EE) during the Plenary. The major themes of the EE portion of the Plenary would be as follows: national experiences and priorities, enforcement issues relating to non-tangible technologies, enforcement of transfers and transshipments, and a special focus on China's export control enforcement, both its strengths and shortcomings.

UPDATE ON ELECTRONIC POINT OF CONTACT (EPOC)

17. (C) As a final item, French POC updated partners on the results to date of the test phase of the MTCR Electronic Point of Contact system (EPOC). Bertolotti noted that test users had expressed satisfaction with the EPOC thus far. He then asked partners from the test group if they felt sufficiently comfortable with the system that they would now be prepared to move to the "no-paper" test phase. Test users agreed to move to a no-paper system. French POC remarked that he would like to extend the test group by four additional countries, and asked partners to inform him in the coming days if they would like to join the EPOC test phase. French POC noted that the goal was to have full MTCR partner participation in the EPOC prior to the Reinforced POC meeting in 2006.

RUSSIAN NO-SHOW

18. (C) As the Russian POC was absent at the 06 July POC meeting, no Russian views were presented.
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